

PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 09955.0025-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Fredéric SGIER et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3733  
Application No.: 10/766,911 ) Examiner: Shaffer, Richard R.  
Filed: January 30, 2004 ) Confirmation No.: 4613  
For: **VERTEBRAL ARTHRODESIS** )  
**DEVICE** )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant petitions for a three-month extension of time to file a reply to the Office Action of November 21, 2007. A fee of \$525.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any additional extensions of time required to enter the attached reply and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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